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2 but to no avail. There are no State funds  
3 for these. So that's my main concern.

4 Of course my views are strictly my  
5 own, they do not reflect the views of the  
6 County Legislature as a whole, but I'm a  
7 concerned citizen. I also represent many  
8 people who live along that New York State  
9 Thruway Corridor from those two areas that  
10 I mentioned, between Sloatsburg and the  
11 Village of Spring Valley and the Town of  
12 Ramapo.

13 So I just wanted to note my concerns  
14 for the record, and I just appreciate the  
15 opportunity that you've given me and  
16 others to speak.

17 Thank you.

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18 MR. WAITE: I'd like to call Stephen  
19 McCrudden to the podium. Thank you.

20 **TZ-044T** MR. McCRUDDEN: Hi. I'm a local  
21 resident of Grandview and business  
22 executive. I run a business in the area  
23 in telecommunications.

24 And I simply wanted to say that I  
25 was originally frustrated by the initial

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proposals for an additional bridge or a

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replacement. Fortunately, it seems some

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of our citizenry have come forward and

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made the opportunity to pursue a tunnel

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approach visible to the public, and

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they've gotten good publicity there. So

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the issue's on the table. I fully support

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a tunnel approach. It supports the needs

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of both rail and passenger, and it seems

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that it would be less disruptive and

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certainly much more aesthetically

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pleasing, especially if you live in

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Grandview and look out over the River. So

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I hope you all will support the tunnel and

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encourage your neighbors to do so.

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Thank you very much.

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MR. WAITE: Thank you. I'd like to

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call Ross Pepe to the podium, please.

20 TZ-044T

MR. PEPE: Thank you. Good evening.

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My name is Ross Pepe. I am President of

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the Construction Industry Council of

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Westchester and Hudson Valley. I'm also a

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resident of Rockland County, and someone

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who travels the Tappan Zee Bridge on a